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RATE OF EMPLOYMENT GENERATION
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Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the rate of employment has declined during the last three years particularly in the organised sector;

(b) if so, whether the Government has conducted/proposes to conduct any study for ascertaining the cause of decline in employment growth rate;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Government has decided to launch a Rs. 10,000 crore employment generation scheme;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) the other steps being taken to improve the rate of employment generation in the country?

Answer

MINISTER OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI K. CHANDRASEKHAR RAO)

(a) As per the quinquennial employment & unemployment surveys carried out by National Sample Survey Organisation, annual growth rate of employment on usual status basis has declined from around 2.43% during 1988 -1994 to 0.98% during 1994-2000. Employment in the organised sector has also declined during 2001-2003.

(b & c) Employment & Unemployment scenario was reviewed by a Task force as well as a Special Group constituted in the Planning Commission. Major reason for the decline in the growth rate of employment was that the economy did not grow as expected.

(d & e) A National Rural Employment Guarantee Bill has been tabled in Parliament which provides for 100 days of employment in a year for poor families in rural areas.

(f) Government is targeting creations of around 5 crore employment opportunities during the 10th Plan period. Government has also launched a National Food for Work Programme in selected backward districts of the country.